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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 814

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: APER, JA, CGEN

SUBJECT: CONSULAR PERSONNEL SITUATION

1. EMBASSY IS DUE TO LOSE FOUR CONSULAR OFFICERS (BAQUE, BATTAGLIA, COOPER AND SMITH) BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER. THUS FAR ONLY ONE REPLACEMENT (WATKINS, WHO REPLACES COOPER) HAS BEEN NAMED.

2. SUMMER NIV RUSH HAS ALREADY BEGUN AT KINGSTON. MARCH 1976 ISSUANCES EXCEEDED MARCH 1975 ISSUANCES BY SIXTH-FOUR PERCENT. ACTUAL FIGURE WAS 4,170. EVERY RECENT MONTH HAS SEEN ALL-TIME HIGH NUMBER OF NIV ISSUANCES FOR SUCH PERIOD. BY EXTRAPOLATION, EMBASSY EXPECTS TO ISSUE BETWEEN 50-60,000 NIVS IN 1976. THESE FIGURES DO NOT ADEQUATELY DEPICT SITUATION BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY-HIGH REFUSAL RATE, WHICH ADDS GREATLY TO WORKLOAD.

3. POST HAS REDUCED IV OPERATION TO TWO AMERICANS AND PPT/SCS OPERATION TO ONE AMERICAN IN ORDER CONCENTRATE 5 OFFICERS IN NIV UNIT FOR DURATION OF SUMMER RUSH, WHICH MAY EXTEND INTO FALL AT PRESENT RATE.

4. EMBASSY STILL HAS NO WORD ON INDIVIDUALS TO FILL NEW FY 1976 AND 1977 CONSULAR POSITIONS.

5. EMBASSY HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO REQUEST CONTACT REPLACEMENTS FOR ALL AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICERS LEAVING KINGSTON THIS PERIOD. EVEN WITH SUCH REPLACEMENTS, KINGSTON IV AND PPT/SCS OPERATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE HEAVILY BACK-LOGGED

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BY FALL.

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